

## COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.3, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt new Chapter 23, “Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Proposed Chapter 23 describes the administration of a new Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program pursuant to 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2321, section 20.

Interested persons may submit comments orally or in writing by 4:30 p.m. on August 28, 2012, to the Executive Director, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, Fifth Floor, 603 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-9017; fax (515)725-3401.

The Commission does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of this rule.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Commission finds that there could be a positive impact on jobs. This rule making increases the amount of scholarship dollars distributed to individuals who will attend higher education. Individuals will be able to attend higher education institutions and obtain good jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 261 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2321, section 20.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following new 283—Chapter 23:

### CHAPTER 23

### SKILLED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

**283—23.1(84GA,SF2321) Tuition grant based on financial need to Iowa residents enrolled in career-technical or career option programs at community colleges in the state.** This grant shall commonly be known as the Kibbie grant.

#### **23.1(1) Financial need.**

*a.* Financial need shall be evaluated annually on the basis of a confidential financial statement filed on a form designated by the commission. For the purposes of determining financial need, the commission has adopted the use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a federal form used to calculate a formula developed by the U.S. Department of Education, the results of which are used to determine relative need known as expected family contribution. The FAFSA must be received by the processing agent by the date specified by the college student aid commission.

*b.* Financial need is defined as the difference between the total maximum federal Pell grant for the academic year for a student with an expected family contribution of \$0 minus the Pell grant award received by the student minus the Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant received by the student.

#### **23.1(2) Student eligibility.**

*a.* A recipient must be an Iowa resident as defined by the Iowa department of education’s Iowa community college uniform policy on student residency status.

*b.* A recipient must be enrolled at an Iowa community college for at least three semester hours or the equivalent in a career-technical, career option, or other training program which is eligible for federal Title IV funding and is in an industry which has been identified as having a shortage of skilled workers by the community college in a regional skills gap analysis or by the department of workforce development in the department’s most recent quarterly report.

c. A recipient may receive an award under this program for general education classes identified by the community college as required for completion of a career-technical or career option program in an identified skilled workforce shortage area. A recipient must be concurrently enrolled in a career-technical or career option program.

d. A recipient may receive an award under this program for not more than the equivalent of four semesters. A recipient who is making satisfactory academic progress but cannot complete the course because of required classes may receive the grant for one additional semester.

e. A recipient who is a full-time student may receive no more than one-half of the student's tuition and fees, as established by the commission, or the amount of the student's established financial need, whichever is less. A recipient who is a part-time student shall receive a prorated portion of the full-time award. The proration will be established by the commission in a manner consistent with federal Pell Grant Program proration. Recipients who are part-time students enrolled in 3 to 5 credit hours will receive awards equal to one-fourth of the full-time award; recipients enrolled in 6 to 8 credit hours will receive awards equal to one-half of the full-time award; and recipients enrolled in 9 to 11 credit hours will receive awards equal to three-fourths of the full-time award.

f. A student shall not receive a grant if the maximum grant for which the student is eligible is less than \$200 per semester or the equivalent.

g. A recipient may again be eligible for an award under paragraph 23.1(2) "d" if the recipient resumes study after at least a two-year absence, except that award assistance shall not be used for coursework for which credit was previously received.

**23.1(3) Priority for grants.**

a. Applicants enrolled in programs required to fill the needs of industry in areas which have been identified as having shortages of skilled workers by the community college in a regional skills gap analysis or by the department of workforce development in the department's most recent quarterly report will receive priority. Skill gap areas will be ranked by each community college in order of the perceived need, and awards will be made to applicants as long as funding remains available.

b. Applicants who apply by the priority date specified in the application are ranked in order of the estimated amount of the family's contribution toward college expenses; and awards are granted to those who demonstrate need in order of family contribution from lowest to highest, insofar as funds permit.

**23.1(4) Award notification.** A grant recipient will be notified of the award by the community college to which application is made. The community college is responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. The community college shall report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

**23.1(5) Enrollment terms.** For purposes of this program, the commission has defined "semester" as one of two terms of enrollment established by the community college between August 1 and May 30 of each academic year or the equivalent and a summer term of equal length or the equivalent. Grant payments are prorated according to paragraph 23.1(2) "e."

**23.1(6) Award transfers and adjustments.** Recipients are responsible for promptly notifying the appropriate community college of any change in enrollment or financial situation. The community college will make necessary changes and notify the commission.

**23.1(7) Restrictions.** A student who is in default on a Stafford Loan, an SLS Loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for assistance under the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by the commission's ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in an appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapters 4 and 5.

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